

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

The present invention relates to a prepaid internet card having a telephone number and password or PIN which enables a user to connect to a global computer network via a designated internet service provider. Each password or PIN is assigned to an account with means for keeping track of the time left on the card. A protective cover such as scratch-off paint, can be provided to conceal the ~~password~~ password or PIN so that unauthorized users will not be able to obtain access to the connection and account.